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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312
June 13, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated March 13, 2001 ("Office Action") issued in the above-identified patent application ("subject application"),

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 30, amend claims 39, 43, 44 and 46, as follows:

39. (Amended) An object produced by a method comprising:

providing a substrate comprised of a composite material, said composite

material comprising particles of a hard constituent material and a binder material,

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